

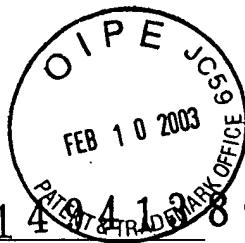
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Erich HOFFMANN

Serial No.: 09/844,517 Group Art Unit: 1648

Confirmation No.: 9063 Examiner: Myron G. Hill

Filed: April 27, 2001

For: DNA TRANSFECTION SYSTEM FOR THE GENERATION OF  
INFECTIOUS INFLUENZA VIRUSAMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Submitted simultaneously herewith is (1) a Mark-Up Copy of the amended claims, (2) an Examiner's Courtesy Copy of claims under consideration, (3) a Petition for THREE (3) MONTHS Extension of Time with the required fees, and (4) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.